Balancing the Books

To: The Exalted Jabba
From: Calk Fen, Accounting
Re: Solo Delinquency

Greetings, Exalted One.

As per your request, here is the information concerning the despicable Captain Han Solo and his record of account. And believe me, you have every reason to be angry with him! Mighty Jabba, to date Solo has failed to make good on cargo lot #3207D. He ridiculously claims that he was forced to jettison the shipment due to the untimely arrival of an Imperial cruiser. When your humble servant Greedo approached the smuggler for collection of the amount owed, Solo blasted him. Continuing his heinous crimes, O Powerful One, Solo has left Tatooine, taking his Wookiee companion and the *Millennium Falcon* with him. He claims to have a charter that will allow him to pay off his debt -- and the substantial interest -- as soon as he returns. Needless to say, his scheduled return date has long since passed. I fear, Your Greatness, that the 12,400 credits he owes us -- along with the accrued interest -- is lost.

While the rest of us were uselessly lamenting over the detestable Solo's supposed victory, Great Jabba, you put us to shame with your quick thinking and purposeful plotting. Your wisdom shines like the twin suns of our desert world, Your Worshipfulness, and I bask in the light of your sneakiness. Placing a price on the smuggler's head is an inspired idea that only your great mind could devise! And employing the bounty hunter Boba Fett to find the disgraceful Solo is a stroke of genius! Fett will secure what is due -- of that there is no doubt -- in credits, ship, and blood.

Illustrious Jabba! Your memo ordering that discipline and standards be maintained in light of the current situation truly enlightened your lieutenants. If not for your brilliant and timely response, the other pilots may decide that they can dump shipments with impunity or claim Imperial entanglements whenever a run is botched. Or worse, they may take to frying your loyal agents instead of paying their debts. As you so intelligently discerned, stern measures must be taken to assure your continued profit margin. You are absolutely right that an example must be made of Solo so that other pilots will know that such actions against the great Jabba the Hutt will not be tolerated!

The *Millennium Falcon*, on the other hand, is much too valuable to lose. It served you well in the past, before Solo became its captain, and it will serve you well in the future. With another, more cooperative pilot, its profitable history can be continued. Doubtless wise Jabba knew these things already and neglected to mention them as a test of his loyal servant's intelligence. Oh subtle Jabba!

Honored Jabba, I have included a list of what this unscrupulous smuggler has cost you, to date, through his unscrupulous actions. The amounts listed below are directly or indirectly the result of Solo's decision to dump his cargo, and his equally terrible behavior since then. With your permission, I would like to immediately list them as unrecoverable business losses.

Although it indeed pains you to destroy someone you have long considered as a son (especially before he has a chance to pay off his debts), as you say, Solo's head will serve as a fine deterrent to any other employees contemplating similar actions. As always, the decisions of Mighty Jabba are fair, just, and extremely profitable.

Your very very obedient servant,
Calk Fen

Captain Solo's Debts to Jabba the Hutt

- Jettisoned spice cargo: 12,400 credits

- Dead employee (Greedo): 4,100 credits

- Loss of services (*Millennium Falcon*): 125,640 credits to date (based on last cycle's performance)

- Bounty hunter notices: 320 credits

- Boba Fett's expenses: 5,000 credits to date (based on a rate of 500 credits per day)

- Additional bounty hunter fees: 2,000 credits to date (based on a rate of 50 credits per day per hunter)

- 50% Interest: 74,730 credits to date

Total: 224,190 credits to date

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